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- Much of the conspiring by the Siamese students in France prior to the 1932 Coup d'Etat was provoked by the "superior" attitude taken by Prince Charoonsak, then Minister to France. Prince Charoonsak, who is related to Prince Bovoradej, reported to King Vajiravudh that Pridi, as a law student in Paris, was meeting with French Communists in Paris, and asked that he be recalled to Bangkok.
- Pridi's father-in-law, Phys Vichit, who was influential at that time, intervened and stopped the recall. This incident helped to increase the growing friction between the royalists and the young intellectuals, and served to spur the young group to action.

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Comment. This report is considered of interest in connection with the efforts of the Pibul government to brand Pridi as a "Communist." for a report on Pridi's views on the USSR expressed in 1946.)

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